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TAGS: SOCI SPOP SHUM PINS PINT SF

SUBJ: COURT RULING DELAYS EVICTION OF CAPE TOWN SQUATTERS

REF: CAPE TOWN 301, A-15

1. SAG EFFORTS TO EVICT SOME 5-7,000 SQUATTERS FROM MODDERDAM CAMP OUTSIDE CAPE TOWN WERE AGAIN DELAYED WHEN A CAPE TOWN SUPREME COURT JUSTICE GRANTED LAST MINUTE STAY NIGHT OF MARCH 7. IN APPEAL FILED ON BEHALF OF TWO RESIDENTS OF CAMP, JUDGE GAVE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS UNTIL APRIL 19 TO SHOW CAUSE WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE RESTRAINED FROM DEMOLISHING THEIR SHACKS. JUDGE MADE CLEAR HE WAS NOT RULING ON MERITS OF CASE BUT MERELY GIVING MORE TIME FOR LEGAL ARGUMENTS TO BE HEARD. HE REFUSED ATTORNEYS REQUEST TO EXTEND RULING TO ALL INHABITANTS AT MODDERDAM, SUGGESTING THAT PWD AND OTHER RESIDENTS GET TOGETHER TO AGREE TO "SOME ARRANGEMENT". IF NEGOTIATIONS BROKE DOWN, THEN OTHER SQUATTERS COULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPLY TO COURT AT THAT TIME.

2. FOLLOWING COURT RULING, SAG HAS REFRAINED FROM LARGE-SCALE REMOVALS BUT ROVING TEAMS OF POLICE AND OFFICIALS VISIT CAMP EACH DAY, PULLING DOWN ANY INDIVIDUAL SHACKS THEY CONSIDER "NEW" OR "UNINHABITED." IN MEANTIME, OFFICIALS HAVE FILED CHARGES AGAINST MRS.

EULALIE STOTT, CHAIRMAN OF CITY COUNCIL'S HOUSING COMMITTEE, FOR VIOLATING A BAN ON PUBLIC MEETINGS ISSUED LAST DECEMBER BY JUSTICE MINISTER KRUGER UNDER RIOTOUS ASSEMBLIES ACT. CHARGE ARISES OUT OF MRS. STOTT'S ACTIONS ON FEBRUARY 20 WHEN SHE TOOK TWO BUSLOADS OF SQUATTERS, WHO HAD SPENT STORM DRENCHED WEEKEND OUT IN OPEN, TO RONDEBOSCH CHURCH CUSTOMARILY ATTENDED BY STATE PRESIDENT AND MANY CABINET MINISTERS. PRESIDENT AND MINISTERS MANAGED AVOID SQUATTERS WHO ASSEMBLED ON CHURCH LAWN BUT NUMBER OF CHURCH-GOERS REPORTEDLY MOST OFFENDED. MRS. STOTT HAS PLED NOT GUILTY.

3. PWD HAS UNTIL APRIL 19 TO RESPOND TO COURT'S SHOW CAUSE ORDER. NEXT MOVE APPEARS TO BE UP TO SAG. WILLIAMS

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